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The cited reference, Buhimschi, et al. Radiation Oxidation State (Redox) Regulation of Matrix-Metalloprotease Activity in Human Fetal Membranes, Am J Obstet Gynecol, January 1999, Abstract 438:5128, was first publicly distributed at the Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine on January 21, 1999, less than one year before the filing of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/176,575, filed January 18, 2000. The present application claims priority to US Serial No. 60/176,576.

Therefore, the 1999 publication may not be cited as prior art.

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